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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REPORTED REMARKS ON BASE
NEGOTIATIONS

1. NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHPOST OCT. 26 CARRY AP STORY
DATELINED MANILA OCT. 25 REPORTING INTERVIEW WITH
AMBASSADOR ON SUBJECT OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS. TEXT, AS
REPORTED IN ONE OR BOTH NEWSPAPERS, FOLLOWS QTE THE
UNITED STATES WILL RECOGNIZE A PHILIPPINE MILITARY COM-
MANDER WITH "GENUINE AUTHORITY" OVER BASES USED BY
AMERICAN FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM H.
SULLIVAN OF THE UNITED STATES SAID TODAY. MR. SULLIVAN
SAID A NEW AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED WOULD ALSO PERMIT THE
PHILIPPINES TO BUY ARMS AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM
SOURCES OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES. UNDER THE CURRENT
ACCORD, THE PHILIPPINES BUYS OR RECEIVES ONLY AMERICAN
MILITARY EQUIPMENT. MR. SULLIVAN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT
THE UNITED STATES WAS WILLING TO AGREE TO THESE REQUESTS
TO CONFIRM ITS RECOGNITION OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER
THE BASES. THE MAIN POINTS OF FRICTION IN THE TALKS,
BEGUN LAST APRIL, HAVE INVOLVED PHILIPPINE LEGAL JURIS-
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DICTION OVER AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIAN WORKERS ON

THE BASES AND PHILIPPINE CONTROL OVER UNITED STATES OPERATION OF THE BASES. SULLIVAN SAID THE UNITED STATES ALSO

IS READY TO PAY "FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE USE OF THE BASES" BUT HE WOULD NOT SPECIFY THE TERM OR AMOUNT OF PAYMENT. UNQTE

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